

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of January 27, 2004 in which claims 1, 2 and 7-9 were rejected and claims 3-6 were objected to. With this response, the Figures 1 and 2 are amended, claims 1, 4, 5 and 7 are amended, claim 3 is canceled and the specification is amended. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested that Figures 1 and 2 be labeled as "prior art". These figures have been amended accordingly and it is believed that the objection may be withdrawn.

Claim 1 was objected to due to a typographical error. Claim 1 has been amended and the rejection may be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 3 contained allowable subject matter. That subject matter has been added to independent claim 1 and it is believed that the rejection against claims 1, 2 and 4-6 may be withdrawn.

The Examiner indicated that claims 7-9 were allowable except for some issues related to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, with respect to claim 7. Claim 7 has been amended to clarify the interaction between the bolt and the keeper. It is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 may be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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